GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF INDIAN CULTURE IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
Baxla Shri Joachim

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy to protect, development and promote the Indian Culture in North-Eastern States and Sikkim;

(b) if so, details thereof; and ;

(c) the amount spent during the last three years for this purpose, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a):& (b): The Ministry of Culture has been making all efforts to protect, develop and promote culture in North Eastern States including Sikkim by undertaking various activities in the states through several Schemes of the Ministry as well as its attached/subordinate offices and autonomous organizations. 10% of the total AnnualPlan allocation of the Ministry is earmarked for the development of Art & Culture in the North Eastern States and Sikkim. A special festival titled - Octave has been introduced since 2006 for highlighting the culture of the North East.

(c): The details of the amount spent for developing and promoting culture in North Eastern States and Sikkim during the last 3 years in respect of organizations/schemes is enclosed in Annexure.